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Dear Sir

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We enclose a copy of our announcement dated 20 December 2005 in regard to the above matter for your information.

Yours faithfully for UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED

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Singapore, 20 December 2005 - Further to its announcement on 6 May 2005, United Overseas Bank Limited ("UOB") wishes to announce that following the receipt of the requisite regulatory and corporate approvals, UOB's subsidiary United Overseas Bank Philippines ("UOBP") has completed the sale of 66 branches to the Banco de Oro Universal Bank Group. With the completion of the sale, UOBP will proceed with its plan to convert into a thrift bank.

Mrs Vivien Chan

Company Secretary